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Title: **SYRINGE/PLUNGER COUPLING**
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AMENDMENT

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002.

Please amend the present application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 2 as follows:

2. The syringe of claim 1 wherein said rearwardly facing coupling element is knurled.